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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/674,652	ZARE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to January 13, 2005; February 10, 2005; and August 11, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Zare (U.S. Patent No. 6,136,187), Viklund (Chem. Mater. 1997, 9, 463-471), and Dulay (Anal. Chem., 70, 1998 pages 5103-5107) as applied in the rejections of S.N. 09/507,704 are considered to be the closest prior art. The case has been allowed because the claimed combination would not have been obvious from Zare (U.S. Patent No. 6,136,187), and Viklund (Chem. Mater. 1997, 9, 463-471), Dulay (Anal. Chem., 70, 1998 pages 5103-5107). This is particularly true in view of the advantages of the claimed combination listed in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification. Kato, Journal of Chromatography A, Vol. 924, 2001, pages 187-195 and Chen, Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 72, No. 6, March 15, 2000, pages 1224-1227 have been considered. However, they are not considered to be prior art because they were published after February 18, 2000.

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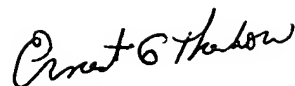
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